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Tough stances taken on OPSEU strike

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Mike Harris is pushing and OPSEU is pushing back.

As the first week of the provincial civil service strike comes to a close, there are no signs of either side in this dispute giving ground.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) walked out Monday morning angry at the province over proposed layoffs.

This is the first public workers' strike in Ontario history.

Showing support, Niagara College English teacher Ray Matthews walked the picket line this week.

"Like most people I can understand the government has to cutback but the Harris government is moving too fast," said Matthews.

Among the 55,000 strikers are members of Local 212 Ministry of Natural Resources in Fonthill. Eighteen workers want job security and seniority rights. "Wages are not an issue here," says Gerry Levesque, local president.

The biggest issue is job security. The provincial government plans to layoff at least 13,000 employees through privatization or contracting out of work.

Provincial employees are currently working under an expired contract.

Levesque says Local 212 members want what everyone else wants job security, pension protection, negotiable classifications, fair treatment of non-classified employees and protection against inflation.

"OPSEU is the sole bargaining agent for the Ministry of Natural Resources. Conservation has not been designated an essential service," says Rick Depuis, vice-president of the Ontario Conservation Officers Association. "We are extremely disappointed in OPSEU and management."

Under provincial legislation certain services can be deemed essential.

The definition of essential services is those services that if suspended may cause "danger to life, health, or safety; the destruction or serious deterioration of machinery, equipment or premises; serious environmental damage; or disruption of the administration of the courts or legislative draftings."

Essential services are services requiring civil-workers to report for work regardless of the strike.

These services include police, ambulance attendants, courts and meat inspections.

Civil servants in those areas are required to work regardless of the strike called.

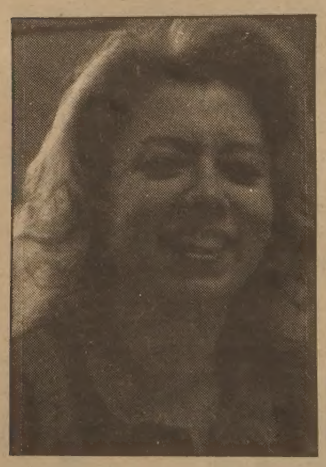
The staff of Niagara College are OPSEU members Local 242 and 243. Faculty and support staff are working under a contract that expired in August of 1994.

"There is no picket line here because the college is not affected directly by the public service strike. We are on a different timetable," said Mike Collins, a Niagara College English teacher and St. Catharines City councillor.

Depuis said he would like to see a solution reached soon. "We want OPSEU and management to get back to the table and negotiate a solution."

Members of Local 212 picketed Tuesday, outside the Ministry of Natural Resource office on Highway 20 in Fonthill.
Photo by Jennifer Bacon

New student governor says she's self-confident



MELODY MAYVILLE

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

It's obvious Melody Mayville has a taste for politics.

Mayville, a first-year Legal Assistant program student, has been acclaimed as the new student representative for the Niagara College Board of Governors. Mayville is currently vice-president external for Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Mayville was acclaimed to student governor because no other students submitted nominations. She begins her term as governor on Sept. 1, 1996.

"I'm glad I didn't have to go through the election process," says Mayville. But she says she would have been up to it if there had been other candidates.

Mayville is a mature student originally from London, Ont. She moved to St. Catharines specifically to take the Legal Assistant program at Niagara College.

She chose to run for student governor because it is a chance to make "wonderful contacts" for her future.

She says she has many attributes to bring to the board. She says she is outspoken, energetic and likes to get involved. She is experienced in public speaking and dealing with professionals through her past career in sales.

Mayville says she has "wonderful people skills." She says she is happy and positive by nature.

"I have self-confidence, so I don't have to be babied when I first come on board."

"It is exciting to be a part of decision-making," Mayville says. She says she wants the opportunity to express her ideas.

She has no certain plans for fullfilling the student governor role yet. She will first find out what is expected of her.

She hasn't met any current governors yet, or the present student governor, Kathryn Mamo.

"I am extremely opinionated and I do believe you can change things if you try," she says.

Elections for board members in administration and support staff take place on March 4, 5, and 6.

There are six candidates running for two positions. Donna Cunningham from Nursing Studies and the Foundation Studies division, Marti Jurmain from New Product Development, and Jon Ogryzlo from Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness are running for administrative staff representative on the board.

Uta Haley from Information and Computer Technology, Carolyn Hurst from Student Life and Success, and Joan Warbis from the Access division are running for support staff representative.

The search for a leader is on — again

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

For the second time in a year college officials have formed a committee to fill a top administrative position.

An advisory committee has been formed to replace David Schleich, vice-president academic, when he vacated his position at the end of February.

Schleich announced his resignation in early February after accepting the position of president of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in Etobicoke.

The college placed an advertisement in a local newspaper to fill the position of vice-president, academic. The ad says the college is looking for someone who will keep the college clearly focused on the future.

"I've established an advisory committee to assist in the search. As well I've set up a series of meetings to invite people to put input into the profile that will be used to assess the people who respond to the ad," said Dan Patterson, president of Niagara College.

Patterson says he has also sent out questionnaires to the staff, to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) and to the Student Senate. The questionnaire contains questions about the important attributes, characteristics and experience that a new vice-president will possess.

"I'm getting an incredibly high response," said Patterson leafing through a large stack of completed questionnaires. "This is really good stuff."

Patterson says the college is advertising both internally and externally but there is no preference where the successful candidate will come from. "The preference is on getting the right person that can tackle the extreme challenges of maintaining quality education and managing the difficult budget realities that face us."

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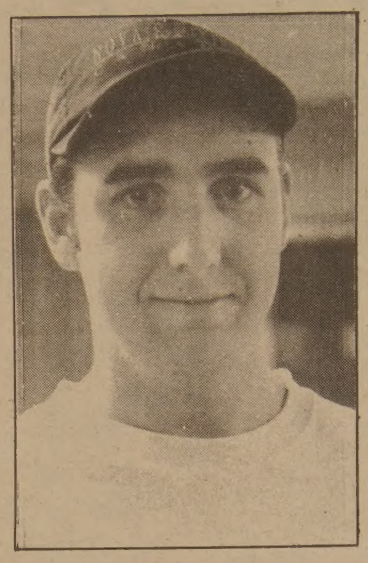

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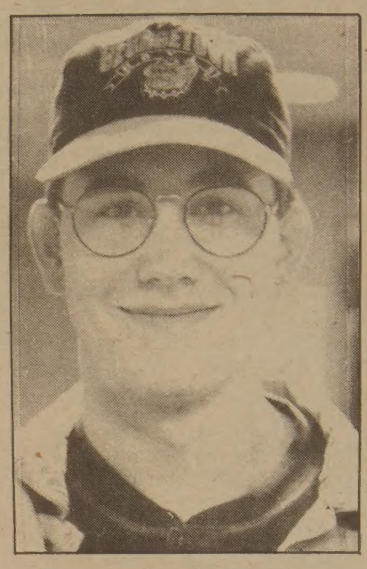

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By TRACY LAPRISE
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Staff Writers

Students share their views on the 15 per cent tuition increase and cutbacks to education.

Matt Ireson, 20, a second-year Business Administration program student, says it is tough enough to afford tuition now before the increase.

Ireson says he thinks it is "so hard" to get the Ontario Students Assistance Program (OSAP) nowadays, adding he works to pay his way through school.

Cory Ward, 19, a first-year Business Administration program student, says Premier Mike Harris is an "idiot" who is trying to eliminate the middle class.

He says he feels the rich people will receive a better education while the poor people will have to suffer. Ward says he will have to work full time next year in order come back to school in 1997.

Chris Quait, 19, a first-year Business Administration propgram student, says the cutbacks don't affect him. But, he says, things have to be done. He says it's time "we're getting someone, like Harris, in office who is not worried about getting re-elected," but is doing something for the country itself.

Heather Buchanan, 19, a first-year Business Administration program student, says she likes Harris because he's trying to get the province out of debt.

But, she says if he tries to make students pay the total tuition (without government grants) she believes only the rich will be able to afford to get an education.

Kim Henderson, 19, a first-year Business Administration program student, says tuition is high enough.

She says fewer people will be able to afford college, adding paying back her OSAP is "going to be tough."

Jeff Dennis, 21, a first-year Business Administration program student, says he doesn't like having to pay more tuition, but feels it has to be done. "It's about time someone did something."

Cathy Porter, 22, a first-year Interior Design program student says the tuition increase is going to cut out opportunities for a lot of people.

She says by the government cutting funding on education a lot more people will be collecting unemployment insurance. She says it is going to take her "a lot longer" to pay off her OSAP loan.

George Snyder, 20, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, says tuition hasn't gone up that much and he has experienced no problems in paying his tuition. He says he believes the cuts have got to be done, but maybe not so quickly.

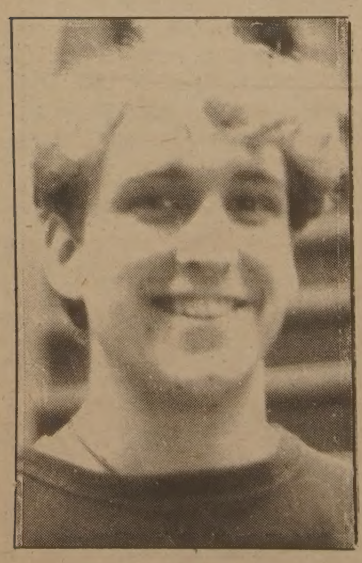
Keith Lapp, 20, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, says he thinks the government funding cuts are a good thing.

He says everyone in the province must make sacrifices and this shouldn't exclude students. He says he might have to get a part-time job next year to pay for the increased fees.

He says he has worked all of his life to pay to go to college and is sick of the unemployed whining about cutbacks.

David Schleich, the college's vice-president academic, says you've got to think about it in terms of post-secondary support coming from the provincial and federal governments.

He says the Income Contingent Repayment Plan idea recently proposed will give the learner far more choice in control.



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Study week is March 11 -15. Study hard!

CAMPUS

Coaching students how to job search

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Employment Services employee Christine Drobnich devotes three mornings a week at two of Niagara College's campuses in St. Catharines.

Drobnich, of St. Catharines, has been assisting students in the two-year Environment Health and Safety program as co-operative education consultant at the St. Catharines campus on Welland Vale Road since September 1995.

She's also been assisting students in the two-year Horticulture Technician program at the Horticulture Centre for about four years.

"My role is to act as coach for the students, to encourage them with supportive help in their job searching. Also, to help employers acknowledge the benefits that students can bring: their up-to-date knowledge, their eagerness and motivation," said Drobnich.

She helps students prepare for employment through classroom discussions on job search techniques, cover letters, resume writing and interviews.

"I also work with employers to encourage them to hire students for the paid co-op work term, which runs from May to August."

While students are on placement she's responsible for making site visits to ensure they're receiving related training.

Drobnich also works with the co-ordinators of both programs. "They've been very supportive by encouraging the students to look for related work and they (co-ordinators) work with me to generate job leads and give suggestions along with other faculty," she said.

Tom Ball has been co-ordinator of the Horticulture Technician program for about five years and has been a teacher in the program for about 18 years.

"Christine and I go through the proper channels together. Some people have been dealing with our students for a number of years and they may call the co-ordinator and receive information that way," said Ball, or they may contact Drobnich for the information.

"It's a nice team (feeling) that goes on between the student and co-ordinator, myself and the employers," said Drobnich.

"Students in co-op should be made aware that Employment Services are always there for the student. They can contact us by telephone or by person. That's my motto: always there for the student."

Drobnich can be reached at the St. Catharines campus on Welland Vale Road Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at Ext. 2455 or at the Horticulture Centre on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. at Ext. 2460.

Employment Services Co-operative Education Consultant, Christine Drobnich talks on the telephone in her office at Niagara College's St. Catharines campus on Welland Vale Road. Photo by Kathleen Ferris

LASA students experience policing first hand

By PATTY MALLAIS
Staff Writer

There's more to police work than lights and sirens.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 15 students from third and fourth term policing courses in the Law and Security Administration program were sworn in as student auxiliary police at the Niagara Regional Police Headquarters in St. Catharines.

This field placement is not open to everyone and the criteria to be met is high.

The students must submit a written application along with their transcript, which is followed by an interview before a committee made up of Inspector Bob Sauder, Constable Gaye Pokol and Gino Arcaro, professor in the LASA program at Niagara College and a 15-year veteran of the police force before leaving in 1990 to teach full-time.

The students are scored on a number of factors and only an average of 12 to 20 students will meet the required standards.

The placement lasts 16 weeks, during which the students' main function is to observe. Given an identification card, the students go on routine patrols with training officers, learn dispatch procedures, public relations, forensics and most other branches of police operations. When on patrols, the students are required to accurately write occurrence reports and statements in different environments.

Arcaro said "their (students') roles are clearly defined" as observers only. Police work is a large risk and that risk multiplies when untrained students are put in certain situations, he added. The students are required to sign a liability waiver and for safety reasons the training officer must use his/her discretion as to what types of calls the student should or shouldn't be allowed to observe.

The field placement is not open to everyone.

Policing is an occupation, said Arcaro, that cannot be learned hands-on — academics, skill and technique all have to be learned first, for the job to be done properly. There is no room for mistakes.

"This program can't prepare students for police work," said Arcaro. No institution but the Ontario Police College can do that, however the LASA program will prepare them academically for the entry level of the police college, Arcaro added.

The students do their placement during Tuesday and on Friday nights and will receive a certificate upon completion.

Hitting new airwaves

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

Campus Rock Niagara College (CRNC) has its own wire service, thanks to a partnership with area radio stations.

The newswire service is called Niagara College Radio News Service and is run by second-year students who specialize in radio as part of the Broadcasting - Radio Television and Film program.

The wire service will provide on-air coverage of city council meetings and major local events.

The students will submit reports to participating radio stations for use in their daily newscasts.

The participating radio stations are CHOW (AM-1470), CHRE (FM-105.7), CHSC (AM-1220), CJRN (AM-710), PLANET (FM-101.1), CKTB (AM-610) and CHTZ (FM-97.7).

"It's great for us, as students, to do something no other college is doing and (this) is a chance to be heard throughout the peninsula," says Bob Spink, CRNC newsroom co-ordinator.

The Niagara College Radio News Service will give students valuable experience in reporting and writing, as well as providing participating radio stations with a crew of volunteer reporters helping to inform Niagara Peninsula residents with local news events.

"Doing this kind of work allows students to practice their skills in a real working situation with all (the) attention to detail and accountability of a broadcast news operation," says Ron Tufts, a professor in the program, in a press release.

"There's also a real sense of accomplishment to hear their reports used on the air."

Area radio station news directors are expected to use the stories during their daily newscasts.

Graduate finding niche in self-employment

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

A local entrepreneur is getting a fresh start in pursuit of self-employment dreams.

Marlene DeNambee, who grew up in Wainfleet, started her company JDI (Janitorial, Design, Innovation) Cleaning Services in November 1993.

Her husband, Kevin Berg, is helping with the business. Berg was the driving force behind her decision to become self-employed. Both Berg and DeNambee agree they made the right decision in getting started in a home-based business.

"Home-based business is not without pitfalls," warns DeNambee. "You can't account for unexpected visits on the days you had planned to do things. On the plus side, you are there when kids come home from school." She says "time managing" is an essential component of self-employment.

She recounts her first meeting with Barb Okanik. DeNambee went in with 10 different ideas. Okanik, Niagara College's manager of the Innovation Centre, recommended she come back when she narrowed that list to just one.

DeNambee says entrepreneurs frequently have more than a single venture going. DeNambee hints that in the spring her husband will be starting a totally separate venture. But she is reluctant to discuss the details until everything is finalized. This venture will be under her husband's name.

Taking courses at Niagara College has allowed her to learn about the marketing "niche."

She is, however, still learning to deal with people, observing that people are "more apt to complain than compliment."

She says she is dealing with the negative individuals who have a dissatisfaction with everything, but the frustrations of running the business are not limited to disgruntled clients.

She had employees "who wanted to get paid and not do any work."

DeNambee says a good "team," acts cohesively. "You have to have people who work as a team."

The programs Niagara offers help to establish the groundwork. "They could probably follow up with a few more good things like the actual office management," says the former graduate.

DeNambee graduated in 1994, but she is just beginning to accept "the nights off" and is starting "to go with the flow."

In her free time, she works with mentally and physically challenged adults on a part-time basis.

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ECE students concerned about loss of placement officer

By CELESTE DISTEFANO
Staff Writer

Early Childhood Education (ECE) students voiced their opinions to the college president on Feb. 15 about losing one of their field placement officers this May.

"The problem is not with the person, but with the job," said Allison Soave, ECE co-ordinator.

A field placement officer sets up placements and monitors more than 200 full-time students and some part-time continuing education students.

Every ECE student is in class for half a day and at a co-op placement for the other half. It will be hard for one officer to monitor the students, said Soave.

"We're willing to look at alternatives to save the job," said Soave.

The field placement officer visits the co-op sites, finds co-op sites and helps with problems, said Lisa Sumbler, a first-year ECE student.

"We asked the president to think of other reasons to save costs instead of cutting her job," said Sumbler.

Sumbler said she won't be able to graduate because her co-op is supposed to be in May, but she feels one officer will be too busy to help her find a placement.

"I don't see how one field placement officer will visit 200 students," said Dina Siena, a first-year ECE student.

If the position is eliminated, one officer will have to deal with the placement of more than 200 students and 500 placement visits over one year.

A letter by Lil Flora and Kristen Reid, both second-year ECE students states, "We feel that this will severely compromise the current level of quality and support being provided."

In another letter by Chayna Vigfusson, a first-year ECE student, she states "I am unsure if one lady can be as supportive as the two of them working as effectively as a team."

College President Dan Patterson said "We've gone back to the books to find ways and means of insuring field placement is available and the quality is maintained."

SAC bits

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) has had to cancel another excursion.

SAC had arranged a skiing excursion for students on Feb. 27, to Holiday Valley in Ellicotville near Buffalo. The decision was to cancel the trip if 20 students hadn't registered by Feb. 26. The decision to cancel came at the Feb. 22 regular SAC meeting.

The trip was to include bus transportation and a ski lesson.

Also discussed at SAC:

• An athletic survey will be circulated to several Ontario colleges regarding their athletic programs. The survey was drawn up by Melody Mayville, vice-president external affairs, and Amanda Cheevers, vice-president of athletics. SAC President Bren Biggs circulated the survey at the Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 Ontario Community Colleges Student Parliamentary Association Conference.

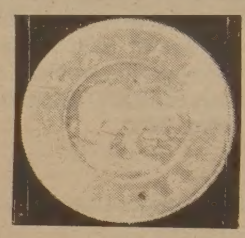
•SAC has began to look into the Year End Bash celebration.

Year End Bash is sponsored by SAC as a thank you to the students for their contributions and participation in SAC events during the school year.

•Dave Rapelje, manager of After Hours informed SAC the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) will remove their lights from After Hours. A discussion in the past said that After Hours would be allowed to use the lights providing SAC purchased a transmitter (estimated at $7,000) for the BRTF students. Rapelje said the cost to replace the lights, if removed, would be estimated at $3,500. The item was tabled for further discussion.

Toonie fever sweeping Canada

New $2 coin rolled out last week



By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Toonie fever is sweeping the country.

Everywhere one turns, the murmer of criticism for Canada's new $2 coin can be heard.

"I think they look really nice, but they sound cheap," said Colette Amyotte, a teller at the Bank of Montreal at the Seaway Mall, Welland.

The toonie bashing goes beyond mere words. There have been reports of people trying to dislodge the centre of the two-piece coin by means of drilling, freezing, hacksawing, dropping, bouncing, and driving over them.

Of the 60 million coins that left the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg, Man., there have been more than 12 reported broken.

According to a program aired Feb. 21 on the Discovery Channel, the inner core, made of aluminum, copper and nickel, shrinks faster than the nickel outer ring in the cold. Different metals react differently to the cold. The coin is made to stay together by pressure being applied from the inner core and outer ring against each other. One of the mint's explanations for the faulty coins is that one of their pressure machines is exerting too much pressure.

Other reported faults of the coin include smudged lettering, faceless Queens, and completely blank coins.

The coin, which costs 16 cents to make compared to the bill's 6 cents, has a 20-year life span compared to the one-year life span of the bill.

Despite the problems surrounding it, there will not be a recall on the coin and its popularity is booming. Amyotte said the Bank of Montreal received $2,000 in two-dollar coins to begin release on Feb. 19 and by noon on Tuesday they were gone.

The coins come in boxes of 1,000 and rolls of 25.

"We are anticipating that a lot of people will try to get away with sticking loonies in between toonies when they roll them, so we will be opening rolls to varify the content," said Amyotte.

She said she's heard the coin been called toonies, two-bits and doubloonies. "One customer (at the bank) even called it a bear's ass on the queen's face."

Only the old $2 bills are being sent back to the Bank of Canada, said Amyotte. The rest will remain in circulation for the time being.

SAC surveys other student councils

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) is looking at how other colleges operate their athletic programs.

SAC has sent out a questionnaire to other college student councils looking for ways to re-align and improve areas in the college's athletic department.

Amanda Cheevers, vice-president athletic affairs, says the purpose of the questionnaire is to gather information.

"The purpose is to see where other college athletic programs stand. Then put all the information together and go from there," she says, adding SAC wants to examine what other student councils are doing.

"The survey is a good idea," she says. "We can look where our money is being distributed and where other student administrations are putting theirs, and compare."

According to the timetable given by SAC, information from the other colleges should be returned by March 8.

"The survey is a good idea. It will let us see how we're doing," says Peter Rylander, Niagara's athletic director.

He says it will be interesting to see where other college athletic programs stand and how Niagara compares.

Cheevers says SAC wants to propose amendments and changes to the athletic department and the results of the survey will help SAC.

SAC supports campaign

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Niagara College has opened a new door on its way to rebuilding damaged ones.

On Feb. 14, Niagara College's Student Administrative Council President Bren Biggs presented $500 to the Ontario government to kick off the *Let's Build Doors to Open Them* campaign.

Money is being raised to offset costs to repair damages done to the legislature doors during the Feb. 7 protest at Queen's Park.

Over 1,200 students from local Toronto universities and high schools protested Premier Mike Harris' Tory government's 20 per cent tuition increase. Four students were arrested during the protest. Damage was estimated to be between $10,000 and $20,000.

No students from Niagara College, or any other colleges in Ontario, took part in the protest.

"We have made the first step in proving to the government our intention to discuss the challenges we face in a responsible, rational and creative manner," said Biggs, in a press conference. "By all students taking responsibility for this unfortunate incident, we come closer to opening the doors of discussion."

Besides Niagara College, several other student associations have adopted the campaign. The Ontario Community College Student Parliament Association, Ryerson Polytechnical University's Student Administrative Council and the University of Toronto's Undergraduate Students' Union also presented money to the government.

"Our council is eager to move forward, and focus on the challenges faced by the post-secondary system that were in the midst of the protest," says Biggs.

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International students wilderness bound

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Two international students are looking forward to participating in activities at Temagami Wilderness Centre and exploring winter life at a trapper's camp east of Cochrane, Ont.

Shigeri Kanimura, of Japan, and Kung Nam Kang, of Korea, are both in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Niagara College in Welland. They will be attending the Winter Wilderness Adventure March 9 to 16. The course was organized by Valerie Grabove and is offered as an elective.

The students will have a chance to learn about wildlife management, the fur trade, animal rights, forestry, environmental concerns and native Indian affairs.

Some of the outdoor activities will include snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

The adventure costs $420 for travel, accommodations and most meals. The students will have to pay extra for certain activities.

"I am very interested in going on this adventure," says Kang.

He says he finds it to be a little expensive. Some Niagara College students are hesitant to go on the trip because of the price.

He says he wants to do everything but he doesn't know if he will be able to because he might not have enough money.

"If the adventure was cheaper then more students would be able to get involved on the trip," says Kanimura.

She says some groups are bringing their own equipment for special activities such as fishing.

"I am really excited and I want to learn lots of outdoor Canadian cultures," says Kanimura.

She says she wants to meet other Canadian students. She has met someone who is learning how to speak the Japanese language on his own time.

She says she lives in the middle of Japan where she doesn't see a lot of snow. There are only some parts that have a lot of snow in Japan. This is the first time she will be doing outdoor activities in the cold. She also says at some point she would like to see or build an igloo because she has never had the opportunity to see one.

She says she doesn't understand how people would be able to survive without electricity.

"This is just how I view camping, but my big problem would be no washrooms," says Kanimura.

She says she doesn't know what to expect on the trip because she has never been camping in the cold winter.

"I do hope I learn how to ski and learn how to communicate with other people," says Kanimura.

She says she wants to stay in Canada for one more year when the trip is over to take a cooking class. Her parents said she could stay if she has enough money.

Kang says he dislikes cold weather but he wants to challenge the cold. This is his reason for going on the trip. He travelled to Quebec in the first week of January but didn't like it because it was too cold.

"This is my time to challenge myself in the cold and see if I will like it," says Kang.

He says he doesn't view the trip as a learning experience for Canadian culture but rather as a challenge to survive in the outdoors.

Kang says he is going back to Korea when the trip is over to study economics at university in Korea.

He says his housemother helped him out with the money situation. She told him he didn't have to pay her for the rent.

"If it wasn't for my housemother, then I wouldn't be able to go on the trip," says Kang.

Kanimura says she used her own money for the trip. When she lived in Japan, she worked at a department store where she saved all the money she made.

Shigeri Kanimura, left, and Kung Nam Kang are excited about their camping trip for a winter wilderness adventure during the March break.

Photo By Tracy Laprise

Juno Award winner entertains at After Hours

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Lawrence Martin, 40, a well-known native-Canadian singer-songwriter, will perform at After Hours, the college pub at the Welland campus, on March 19.

Martin's newest album called Message, is up for a Juno Award on March 10. His music is a blend of traditional native, country and folk.

A dinner was held at Niagara College in honor of Martin last year. He received an honorary diploma from the college, as well as an eagle feather from Jesse Garlow, of the Aboriginal Education Management Circle.

The eagle feather is representative of aboriginal traditions.

He is a Juno Award winner for his first album entitled **Wapistan**, as a performer and songwriter. In Cree, Wapistan means Martin.

He is a father of eight, a grandfather of three, a music business executive and a journalist. He is owner of First Nations Music, a recording company. He is director of Wawatay Native Communications, which provides radio, television and newspaper communications for natives throughout Canada.

Until recently, Martin was the mayor of Sioux Lookout, a northern Ontario community. He was the first aboriginal mayor elected in the history of the province and also the first in a non-aboriginal community.

He can speak four languages, including Cree, Saulteaux, Ojibway and English.

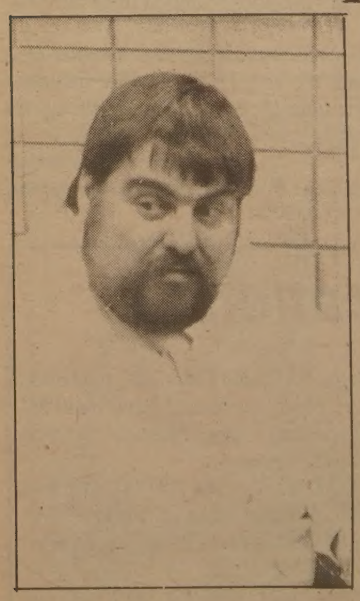
Martin was born in Moose Factory Reserve, Ont., and was raised by his grandparents. He was educated in North Bay, Ont., and spent the earlier part of his life laboring in mines and construction.

He went on to pursue his dream of doing what he had always wanted to do — play music. His aunt taught him to play guitar.

Martin is using his gifts to help bridge gaps between cultures. His music is not only for self-expression. It offers challenges and solutions to the problems that exist between the aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities.

While here on March 19, he will be doing radio and television interviews. He will also be spending the rest of the day with students.

Freelance photographer tells students how to succeed



KEVIN ARGUE

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Kevin Argue, a St. Catharines, Ont., freelance photographer for the Toronto Star, the Welland Tribune and numerous magazines and publications, spoke recently to Journalism-Print and Multi-media program students at Niagara College in Welland.

"Start off at the bottom, that's the key," said Argue, "and then work your way up."

Graduating from Sheridan College in Oakville in 1977, Argue started work in commercial photography. By 1985 he had had enough of the "confining four walls of studios." Argue started his freelancing career at the Welland Tribune and quickly expanded to include his work in the Hamilton Spectator, Toronto Star and many national and international publications. His continued climb saw his photographs in the New York Times, Sports Illustrated, Financial World and publications in the United Kingdom.

'You've got to earn those dollars and you can't be picky.'- Argue

The advantage of freelancing, said Argue, is "independence, no boss, you can take a day off whenever you want." However, the disadvantage is "if you work, you get paid and if you don't, you don't." You can get up in the morning with nothing to do, says Argue, but end up putting in 16-hour days. "But I never pay to go to a sporting event," said Argue, and his many trips are paid for through photography assignments while away.

To succeed "you have to be ambitious, a good photographer, good writer and able to market yourself." He said this includes reading at least two newspapers a day, listening and being aware that something going on locally could be sold across the country. "Start knocking on doors," said Argue, "basically looking out there for a market."

Argue's job takes him to many places around the world. He makes frequent trips to the United Kingdom and has been to Cypress, the Ukraine and will soon be going to Bosnia. "I get to go to the places where regular photographers don't want to go," he laughs. Some trips are difficult and some may even be dangerous, says Argue.

But "paying" is the most frustrating aspect of his work. "I have waited up to a year for payments to arrive."

With freelancing you never know when a photograph of a simple local event can end up making you money on a national or international level, says Argue. A simple picture of a bar in Welland ended up in papers in the United Kingdom, after the story broke that some of the people in the picture were supposedly off work sick and now the boss had proof it wasn't true.

"You've got to earn those dollars and you can't be picky," said Argue, defending the three years he invested on the Homolka story. "I suffered much verbal abuse because of it.

"The key is knowing what's going on in your community," said Argue. "You've still got to remember the little guys."

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EDITORIAL

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Affirmative action more than helpful harmful

A bylaw passed recently by the City of Toronto has ensured Metro firefighters will be hired based on merit, rather than gender or ethnic origin.

This controversial bylaw was possible only by the abolition of Bob Rae's, affirmative action. We believe this decision by Ontario's Progressive Conservatives was not only courageous and necessary, but merciful.

Firefighting, as an example, is a career with no justification for hiring to fill quotas. The physical strength to carry an injured 150 lb person down several flights of stairs should never have been disputed as a primary concern of the public.

In addition, the century-long struggle for women to have equal opportunity is defeated by the policies of Affirmative Action. Women want to know they are hired based on their talent and hard work, not that the job required "another woman." Quotas hurt self-confidence and self-pride.

We see no justification for business being forced to hire for a quota, rather than on merit. Why should a qualified male be denied equal opportunity in the pursuit of equal opportunity for women?

It is agreed legislation is needed to protect the employment rights of individuals. We suggest a new law be created to protect the rights of all Ontario's workers — men and women, black and white, able-bodied and those who are not.

We suggest the key is not to punish for the mistakes of our parents, but to learn from them.

STEPHANIE BONNER

Only in Canada

What do Canada and the toonie have in common? Despite federal Liberal efforts they have a problem staying together.

The new $2 coin rolled off the Canadian Mint assembly line last week with Queen Elizabeth on one side and the polar bear on the other. So does this mean the Queen has a bear backside?

Despite common belief, the toonie was designed in Manitoba, not Quebec. The new coin manufacturing costs the average taxpayer 16 cents per coin as opposed to the paper bill that costs six cents. The justification to switch from bill to coin, the government contends, is the longer lifespan of the coin. There are some flaws with this theory.

One is that the coin has some difficulties remaining whole (not to be confused with having a hole). The phrase "can you break a two?" takes on a brand new meaning. Authorities say only in extremely cold weather will the coin break. Did the authorities fail to understand this is Canada — the country stereotyped for having igloos and polar bears?

Didn't we switch from metal to paper to avoid lugging change around in our pockets and purses?

The final discrepancy with the new coin is what we call it. Names such as the toonie (or twoonie), doubloonie, bearie, or Winnie (as in Winnie the Pooh) have already become part of Canadian slang. They should have put a pair of deer on it and call it what it is — two bucks.

LEE-ANN AYRES

Letter to the Editor

Niagara College making a difference

Dear Editor:

An Open Letter to All Niagara College Students:

At a Niagara College Foundation Board meeting on Feb. 17, 1996, the directors were informed of your fund raising efforts to cover damages sustained in the Toronto Legislative Building during the recent student protest. You did this in spite of the fact that Niagara College students were not involved in the protest action.

On behalf of the entire board, I have been asked to share with you the sense of pride that we feel over your actions.

No one needs to remind you that these are difficult times. However, the way in which we deal with challenges that are sometimes forced on us may, in fact, determine the success that we enjoy.

Your attitude is a credit to you, to Niagara College, and to your community.

Niagara College is making a difference.

You, the students of Niagara College, are making a difference.

Congratulations,
Keith R. Dill
Chair

Student agrees with writer

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Jason Chase's opinion column, "New fee, a tax?" in the Feb. 16 edition of the Niagara News, which commented on the new technology fee approved by our Student Administrative Council (SAC).

In addition to Jason's worries about who the money will affect, how it will be spent, and whether or not students even care to accept this new fee when we're already facing a tuition increase this fall due to provincial cutbacks; I would asky why SAC would choose this coming fall as the time to tack on this new tax.

Many students are already struggling to pay their tuition. What was SAC thinking? Maybe they thought they could slip in this little hike without students noticing it, and that if we did, we would follow the current trend and blame it on the provincial government.

Upgrading Niagara College's decrepit technological status I can understand (heck, a third of the library's light bulbs were burnt out last year), but slapping students with this fee is entirely acceptable.

Consider also that earlier this year the Niagara News featured an article which noted that SAC was suffering from a surplus of funds that they just couldn't decide what to do with. I assume that most of this little nest egg was extracted from past students via the $131 student activity fee that we all currently contribute to. Couldn't this accumulated fund be put toward stepping up technology at the college instead of sticking us with another tax?

I, of course, can't speak for everyone, but I do know a great many students who don't even partake in any of SAC's activities. Yet we all placidly pay.

Might not SAC reconsider this arbitrary new tax, and perhaps discuss better managing the money they already graciously snatch from our wallets?

Why a governing body would ever opt for increased taxation rather than better handling of funds is beyond me. We've seen this type of mismanagement before, though it was with the federal government and the goods and services tax.

Adam Kieswetter
First-year Journalism-Print program

Clarification

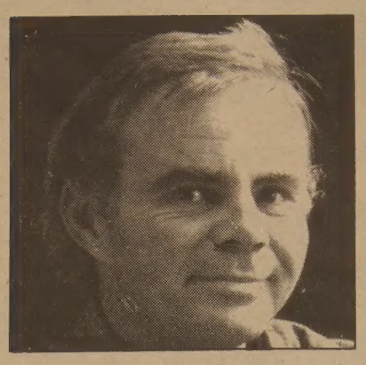
In a news report on the Niagara Regional Police Cop cards, published in the Niagara News Friday, Feb. 9, 1996, we should have included the fact The Niagara Regional Police/Kiwanis Outreach Service Committee financially co-sponsored the endeavor.

The first publication run of 60,000 cards cost $5,000 and was financed through contributions from Kiwanis clubs in Welland, two in Niagara Falls, Ont. and three in St. Catharines. Pre-press production services were provided by the NRP.

Last year, the Kiwanis clubs spent $3,000 replacing the Elmer the Safety Elephant's costume.

OPINIONS

Harris' revolution may create revolt



By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

When France's rulers refused to listen to protests about the living conditions of the poor — there was a revolution.

When England refused to listen to the concerns of its 13 North American colonies — a revolution ensued.

The same thing happened to former prime minister Brian Mulroney. He didn't listen and the Canadian people turfed him, and his party, right off the political carousel. Social Credit met the same fate in British Columbia.

One thing all the aforementioned governments had in common was their support for the wealthy and a resulting deaf ear toward the poor.

Bent on preserving a status quo set by the corporate elite, the Ontario Mike Harris government is no different. One only needs to walk through downtown St. Catharines to see what effect the December budget cuts had on Christmas shopping, a phenomena many small businesses depend on.

Business people have been forced to close their doors after a dismal Christmas season. Other people have been laid off, cut off or worse. Family and Children's Services in the Niagara Region reports parents turning their children over to foster care, simply because they can't afford them.

Even the psychics are getting in on the action, predicting that Harris will be the target of a death threat.

Meanwhile, the government will not be detoured from its fiscal mission. This democratically-elected government has made finance its one and only priority. In doing so, it is abandoning the fundamental principles of democracy.

Democratic, according to the Oxford dictionary, means "of, like, practising, or being a democracy, favoring social equality." In ancient Greece, where the word originated, it identified a "classless and tolerant" society.

The first priority in a democracy should be the welfare of the people. All the people, not just those with ways and means.

What we have instead is a government that patently favors the corporate elite and big business. We have a government, elected by the people, with a mind set on preserving the financial power base controlled by the minority of wealthy people in the province.

Harris rode to power using words like "revolution." Indeed, his revolution is changing the social order from one of fairness to the many to one of special advantage for the affluent.

Can it last?

The most interesting thing to watch this year will not be how the Harris government progresses, but how the people react to its progress. There may well be a revolution in this province and not one Harris will enjoy.

Isolated incident not so isolated

By STACEY SMITH
Staff Writer

The Royal Canadian Mint produced two million of the new 'toonie' coins daily during February.

The new polar bear two-piece 'toonie' is the coin replacing the $2 bill. Banks started issuing them last week. As the $2 bills come into the banks they will be destroyed, and the new 'toonie' will be issued instead in rolls of 25 equalling $50.

The federal government believes that by replacing a bill, which has a lifespan of one year, with a coin and its lifespan of 20 years, it will save them about $250 million over the next 20 years.

The federal government has had a problem with these coins. There have been reports the coins have broken in two. The coins are made from a gold-colored core and a silver outer ring.

A spokesman for the Royal Canadian Mint said only one out of 60,000 coins issued in the first day broke, making it an isolated incident. The coins did, however, undergo a wide range of random testing.

I don't think this is an isolated incident and the testing was pretty random. I work in retail and by Tuesday morning I had come across four broken 'toonies', and I didn't try to break them. I have heard of people trying to break the coin apart by freezing it and hammering it.

Let me warn you. Don't try it. The fine for tampering with Canadian currency is up to $250 or a jail sentence of up to 12 months. I suspect this is just another government devised plan to raise even more money.

You can advertise, butt...

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

To advertise or not to advertise — that is the question.

As I watched television the other night, I was shocked to see David Dingwall, Canada's health minister, exclaim angrily on air that he was "pissed off."

His anger was directed toward the tobacco manufacturers for stepping over the line. With advertising bans on tobacco now lifted, RJR Macdonald launched its first tobacco campaign in Canada in seven years. Their ad showed an electric guitar with the words "either you like it, or you don't" written above.

Dingwall was angry because the slogan was aimed at youths, when youths were specifically not supposed to be targeted. Anti-smokers groups claimed it was obvious because a picture of an electric guitar certainly wasn't aimed at people in their eighties.

Let's face it, folks — if you're 80 and are a smoker, you've probably been smoking for quite a few years, and I kind of doubt you'll change your brand now anyway. So what age group is the tobacco industry most likely to target? Generation X, of course.

You don't see middle-aged people in beer commercials sitting around playing cards and sucking back a few cold ones. You see young, vibrant individuals partying and having the time of their lives.

You don't see shriveled old men grasping a vodka bottle for dear life in magazine ads. You see sleek, young couples sharing a drink.

No, an electric guitar probably isn't aimed at catching the eye of my 70-year-old grandmother, but I kind of doubt it is aimed at my 10-year-old cousin either. An electric guitar can have appeal for a wide age group, so let's not lose our marbles over it.

RJR Macdonald claimed to be embarrassed at having violated the voluntary advertising code. The company is reviewing its advertising campaign and has ordered agencies to remove the cigarette ads placed near schools.

Dingwall said he wants to bring banning tobacco advertising back to the legislative table. It seems to me we have already traveled down that road.

Cigarette advertisements are back. That's a fact. Some may not like it, but that doesn't give anyone the right to tell the manufacturers what they can and can't use as advertising slogans.

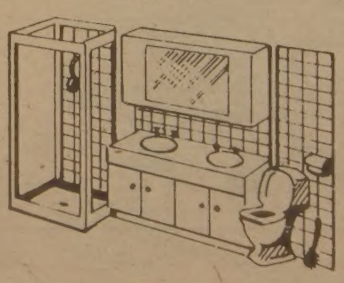
If I recall correctly, there is something in the constitution about that. It's called freedom of expression.

Unnecessary invasion of one's last bastion of privacy

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

As if we are not inundated with enough advertising, Niagara College has decided to put advertising posters in the washrooms.

As consumers, we already deal with billboards, posters, television and radio ads, and product packaging. The list goes on and on. High-paid advertising executives try to influence our every decision. I don't think we can make a purchase without being affected by advertising in some way. Why then do we need ads in washrooms?



The washroom seemed like the last bastion of privacy and now it is gone. The Internet, television, telephones, and fax machines have all shrunk the amount of privacy we have. The bathroom was the one place our thoughts were our own with no one trying to change our minds. Now at Niagara College, posters with sleek, steel frames force me to contemplate my future purchases.

Does advertising in washrooms really work? I was more annoyed than anything else, not only with the company who put ads in bathrooms but also with the product being advertised, in this case Muchmusic. This ad turned me off the product it was trying to sell. I am so fed up with the fight for the all-mighty buck that I just don't care anymore.

I did a quick survey of my friends and family and almost everyone felt the same way I do. Advertising in bathrooms is unnecessary and somehow insulting.

Call me old-fashioned but I don't see the need or even the point of invading my privacy with yet another form of advertising.

The lighter side of the news

TWINKLE TOES
Frank Jr. Hagar, 5, takes time out of his busy schedule to pose for the camera.
Photo by Jennifer Bacon

PUPPY LOVE
Cindy, the beagle, gives her owner Amy a big kiss on their front porch in Port Colborne, Ont.
Photo by Stephanie Turton

ROMANCE AMONG THE LEAVES
A cherub peaks out of a flower pot draped in leaves at Artistically Yours flower and gift shop in St. Catharines.
Photo by Debbie Cunningham

Among the courses taken by Niagara College's Journalism-Print program students is photography. The course, which includes basic photography, photo-journalism, and composition, is taught by Carole Timm.

The newsroom, S212 at the Welland Campus, is equipped with a darkroom where the students develop all their own film and print photographs from the negatives.

Throughout the year the journalism students step away from news photos and try their hands at artistic photography. The photos appearing on these pages are some of their best.

PEA SOUP CROSSING
Taken in Welland during the early morning hours, on the day the assignment was due.
Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

WHO ARE YOU?
Sabre, on the right, meets his new roomate, an iguana for the first time.
Photo By Tracy Laprise

SOLITUDE
Debbie Tomaino seems to be absorbed in her own thoughts in this shot.
Photo by Patty Mallais

HEALTH

Kidneys, small but useful

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The kidneys may only be the size of a clenched fist but they are as important to the functioning of your body as your health and lungs are. Developing kidney disease will lead to a lifelong reliance on machines or to a transplant, the best treatment.

Your kidneys and their job

Located on either side of your spine under the lower ribs, healthy kidneys are pink and perform crucial functions in your body:

- regulates water
- removes waste from the blood
- balances chemicals in the body
- regulates the building of bones
- regulates blood pressure
- controls the production of red blood cells.

Every minute, about one litre of blood enters the kidneys and runs through tiny filtering units, about one million in each kidney. These filters called *nephrons* either save what the body needs or eliminate excess nutrients, water and waste products as urine. The needed substances go back into the blood stream and the waste is disposed of.

If one kidney is lost, the other will enlarge and do the work of two. If both go, the waste fluids gather in the body.

According to the Canadian Organ Replacement Register, there were 16,813 kidney failures in Canada as of Dec. 31, 1994. Each day, an average of eight Canadians develop kidney failure.

Treatments

For people with kidney disease, there are two types of treatment available — dialysis or transplant.

Dialysis

Besides removing fluid waste, the kidneys regulate the level of certain minerals, like calcium and phosphorus, and produce hormones to control other bodily functions.

Dialysis, the use of a machine or device placed in the abdomen to clean the blood, can remove wastes and excess water but other medications are needed to control mineral levels to replace the lost hormones.

GIVE SOMEONE A SECOND CHANCE.
Discuss organ donation with your family and sign a donor card today.
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Transplant

Replacing the damaged kidney with a new one is the best treatment for kidney disease but finding donors is a continuous problem. More than 1,800 Canadians are on the waiting list and some will die waiting.

Those at risk and the warning signs

Kidney disease is a silent stalker, usually destroying most of the kidney functions before the symptoms appear.

Those at high risk are diabetics, people with high blood pressure and those with a family history of kidney disease. As a result, those most susceptible should have their kidneys evaluated regularly.

The common warning signs are

- high blood pressure
- passage of bloody or cloudy urine
- excessive foaming of the urine
- puffiness of the eyes, hands and feet (especially in children)
- frequent passing of urine during the night.

How to help prevent kidney disease

- Get your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. Uncontrolled high blood pressure may speed up the natural course of the disease.
- If you have diabetes, keep it under control as a growing number of kidney failure patients are diabetics.
- Be very careful when taking non-prescription drugs, particularly pain killers.
- Other medications — toxins, pesticides and "street" drugs like heroin — can cause kidney damage. A doctor can explain the problems associated with long-term use or abuse of these items.

With files from the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Changing lives

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

For over 20 years, the Kidney Foundation of Canada has dedicated itself to improving the health and quality of life for those living with kidney disease.

Formed in 1964, this volunteer organization has contributed more than $40 million to kidney research through its fundraising campaigns.

With support from the public, they have funded research and related clinical education, provided services for the special needs of individuals living with kidney disease, recommended access to high quality health care and have actively promoted awareness of and commitment to organ donation.

Services offered by foundation offices may include information and referrals, a patient manual and video entitled *Living With Kidney Disease*, brochures, and patient assistance programs. Depending on a community's needs and services, an office may also offer patient symposia and educational days, peer support programs and self-help groups, bursaries, dialysis camps and vacations, travel loans and social events.

Research and Funding

The Kidney Foundation of Canada raises funds for and promotes high quality research. From July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, they have funded 104 research projects in 36 centres at a cost of more than $3.7 million.

The foundation provides three types of funding: operating grants supply financial support to researchers for salaries, supplies and equipment; fellowships help physicians, scientists and other medical/social professionals further their training; and scholarships support physicians during their first years of employment in a research position.

Various areas of medical research relate to kidney disease: transplantation, dialysis, kidney biology, diabetes, high blood pressure, genetics and urology.

This research has made a drastic change in the lives of people with kidney disease.

In the 1960s people with kidney transplants had little chance of survival, now 84 per cent of all kidney transplant patients survive.

In the 1980s a more convenient form of dialysis was developed lowering the number of hours patients need to spend on dialysis. Now kidney stones are preventable and curable and a drug has been developed that treats bladder cancer.

Saving money

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

The Dental Clinic saves money for three citizens.

Mary Springer, 69, of Pelham, said she saves money when she comes to the Dental Clinic located on the third floor of the Simcoe Building at Niagara College's Welland campus.

CRISTINE UPSHALL

Springer, a retired restaurant worker, said the students do better work than her dentist. She said if you don't have a dental plan it is cheaper than going to a dentist's office. Springer would recommend the clinic to friends because she said it saves money.

Springer was at the office to get some fillings done.

Cristine Upshall, 28, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, was waiting for her third visit to the clinic. She said it was cheaper than a visit to her dentist.

Upshall, a self-employed farmer, said she would recommend a clinic visit to a friend if they had the time.

Rosemary Falvo, 57, of Welland has been coming to the clinic for about 10 years. She said the students do a marvellous job on her teeth.

Falvo, a homemaker, also said they do a good job teaching dental hygiene. She said since she has followed the techniques, the person working on her teeth has noticed a difference. She would recommend the clinic because of the techniques she has learned.

Your signature can save lives

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The gift of life is in your signature.

Organ transplants save hundreds of lives every year but the demand is still outweighing the supply. The Canadian Organ Replacement Register states in 1994, the total number of transplants done was 1,475; however, there were 2,159 people on the waiting list, 124 of them children. Also, 139 people died while waiting.

One person can affect the lives of up to 13 people. By donating one or more of their organs, that person can improve the quality of life for another, even making the difference between life and death.

Here are the organs you can donate and who they can help:

- *Heart* — A donated heart can make the difference between living and dying for heart disease victims or at least, give them a vastly improved quality of life.
- *Lungs* — Donated lungs usually go to people suffering from Cystic Fibrosis and other, often fatal, lung conditions.
- *Kidneys* — Kidney transplants are the best treatment for kidney failure. An organ donor can give their kidneys to two people. This donation may come from a living donor, usually a blood relative.
- *Liver* — The only treatment for liver failure is a liver transplant.
- *Pancreas* — The pancreas is usually donated to a diabetic as it can help to decrease reliance on insulin injections.
- *Corneas* — Corneal transplants have a 90 to 95 per cent success rate of improving vision and are among the most common transplants.
- *Bones* — This donation can be used to replace bones destroyed by tumors or infections, saving a limb from amputation.
- *Skin* — Donated skin is most often used to speed up the healing process for severe burn cases.

Discuss organ donation with your family and sign a donor card today.
THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Becoming a Donor

Anybody can become a donor. If the organs or tissues can't be used for transplant, they can sometimes be used to help scientists find cures for serious illnesses.

When a person dies, a doctor, nurse or clergyperson will speak to the family about organ donations. For the family, the decision will be made easier if the deceased had signed an organ donor card or had expressed their wishes to their family. Even though a donor card is a legal document, the wishes of the next-of-kin are followed.

Some families offer the organs without being asked. Knowing another will live because of their loved one's unselfishness can help the donor's family deal with their loss.

You can get a card from your local Kidney Foundation branch. Some provincial driver's licenses and Medicare cards have a donor card on the back. Sign it in the presence of a witness, talk to your family about your wishes and carry the card with you at all times.

The donor card lets you decide which organ or organs you want to donate and for what purpose — transplant or medical research.

With files from the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Dialogue on racism

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

A community dialogue on racism will be held in St. Catharines on March 21.

The dialogue is being held in commemoration of the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Speakers will be addressing issues such as bias in the media, stereotypes and coverage of bias-hate crime.

Keynote speakers are JoJo Chinto, a reporter at CITY television in Toronto, and Jerry Savard, director general of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

A discussion panel will include Paul Harvey, assignment editor of the St. Catharines Standard; Vince Rice, a reporter with the St. Catharines Standard; Mark Skeffington, a reporter with The Niagara Falls Review; Merve Wrighton, a producer at Rogers Cable 10 and a graduate of Niagara College; Ed Eldred, news director at the radio station CHSC AM 1220 in St. Catharines; Shirley Smith, owner and editor of Tekawennake newspaper; Tim Dennis, a talk show host from the radio station CKTB AM in St. Catharines; Sandra D'Amico, a second-year Journalism-Print program student from Niagara College; and Gary Manning, managing editor of the Welland Tribune.

An audience discussion will also be held.

The dialogue will be held at the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) Hall, 124 Bunting Rd., St. Catharines.

The event is co-sponsored by the Community Dialogue on Racism, CAW Human Rights Committee and the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

More details can be obtained by telephoning 984-6515.

Taxes done for free at Niagara College

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

It's coming!

Niagara College's first free income tax preparation for students runs from March 4 through March 22.

The college is the first to host the free electronic (EFILE) tax filing service by Revenue Canada using volunteer accounting students.

Students from the Welland campus can drop off their tax documents to be completed in the office administration room located beside the CRNC radio booth in the Simcoe building Welland campus Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students from the St. Catharines campuses and the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls can drop off their tax documents at the Employment Services offices at those locations where they'll be picked up and completed at the Welland campus.

Accounting students from the college were trained by Revenue Canada for one day on returns processed on paper.

"The visual aid is easier for the transformation onto computers," said Margaret McRoberts, EFILE co-ordinator for St. Catharines District Office of Revenue Canada.

A half day using the electronic filing (EFILE) system was also taught to students.

Through the use of students' returns being filed through computers, the returns will be accurate and processed in a condensed time frame.

The clients, in most cases, will receive money back in two weeks, which is, "beneficial to the students," said McRoberts.

The students who volunteer their time will gain a lot of, "experience and satisfaction from helping their fellow students," said McRoberts.

The extra work experience will also look good on their resumes.

The service is geared towards those students who fit the "lower income level and entrepreneurship criteria," said McRoberts and have simpler basic returns.

Volunteer students will also be trained to look for those students who don't realize they may be eligible for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit.

Those students not fitting the criteria are those with returns that are too complex, whose income is too high or and those who can't provide supporting documentation, such as rent receipts.

The purpose of the program, "isn't to take business away from the employment community," said McRoberts, but for clients' benefit of the volunteer accounting students.

For more information, contact Employment Services employees Heather Smith at Ext. 7788 or Monique Morin at Ext. 7790. Also, Revenue Canada's general inquiries number, (905) 688-4000.

Yonge Street celebrates

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

The longest street in the world celebrates its bicentennial this year.

Commissioned by Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe of Upper Canada, Toronto's Yonge Street runs from the shores of Lake Ontario to the Minnesota border.

The original 34.5 mile road was first explored in 1793.

Seen as a viable trade route from Toronto to Lake Simcoe, it was surveyed for development in 1794.

The first section of Yonge Street was completed on Feb. 16, 1796. News of its completion reached Simcoe and was officially announced on Feb. 20, 1796.

The current Yonge Street is 1,178.3 miles long. It starts at the edge of Lake Ontario in Toronto, winds its way northwest past the top of Lake Superior and beyond until it reaches its final destination of Rainy River, Ont., at the Minnesota border.

Parts of the present road are also known by other names. The Coldwater Trail, Penetanguishene Road, Muskoka Road, Ferguson Highway, Dawson Road, King's Highway Number 11, the Trans-Continental Highway and the Trans-Canada Highway's Northern and Voyageur Routes are all a continuation of the same street.

Because of the numerous name changes, Yonge Street wasn't identified as the world's longest street in the Guinness Book of World Records until 1977.

Toronto was the 11th city in North America to have gaslit streets. On Dec. 28, 1841, 100 gas lamps were turned on for the 16,000 people who lived there.

Yonge Street has been the site of many firsts.

The first streetcar line in Canada, which used horse-drawn cars, opened on the street on Sept. 10, 1861. The first electric streetcar, with a top speed of 12 miles per hour, was introduced on Sept. 1, 1890, by the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. It was replaced in October 1948 by diesel buses owned by the Toronto Transportation Commission, later renamed the Toronto Transit Commission.

In 1884, John Joseph Wright, for the Toronto Electric Light Company, installed the first store lighting system in Canada on Yonge Street. In 1897, Canada's first electric power generator lit part of McConkey's restaurant on Yonge Street.

Toronto's first telephone exchange was established by Alexander Graham Bell in the same year.

After years of planning, Canada's first subway line, proposed in 1910, opened under Yonge Street on March 30, 1954. The original track was 4.6 miles long and cost about $67 million to complete.

Freelance photographer shows off equipment

Salvador Ramos Jr., a second-year Journalism-Print program student, tries out a "bazooka lens."

Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Advances in photography and electronic communication can allow you to send a picture thousands of miles away in seconds!

For freelance photographer Kevin Argue this means photographs that he takes in St. Catharines, Ont., can be at the Toronto Star in minutes.

"I can send my pictures anywhere in the world, as long as they can be digitally transmitted," said Argue. Showing his laptop computer and scanner to a group of Niagara College students, Argue demonstrated how easily the process worked.

Digital cameras are the newest style of camera that can be hooked directly into a telephone line to transmit their pictures in seconds across the country.

The new trend for photographers is to have two or three camera bodies and three zoom lenses that cover from 16 mm to 400 mm. Lenses can cost $3,000 upwards to $8,000 and camera bodies $2,500. "It is not a cheap thing," said Argue. Although his own equipment included Nikkon and Leica cameras, he said, "as long as you are happy with the equipment that's fine."

Argue uses Fuji 400 and 800 film and always shoots in color. There is always a color lab somewhere that will develop your film in an hour, says Argue, even in the Ukraine. With black and white film, you have to carry your own chemicals with you.

Argue's career takes him many places and with his photography, "you never stop learning," said Argue.

Niagara News' next edition will be Friday, March 22

SPORTS

Women's basketball season finished

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

An up-and-down season finished on a down note for Niagara's women's basketball team.

On Feb. 27, the Knights lost to Oshawa's Durham College's Lady Lords 72-56 in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association quarter-final action.

"This is the most even game we have played in a while," said coach Brian Bleich. "We worked hard on both offence and defence."

The Knights began the evening by being first to strike, when Shelley Holden hit the shot for three a minute into the game. Niagara played aggressively in the first five minutes and had the game all tied up at seven a piece.

That all changed as the Knights found themselves on the ropes.

Durham turned the game around by employing the same antics they used on the previous meeting with the Knights — the breakaway.

Niagara quickly found itself in a hole, trailing 29-18 with five minutes left.

A Durham stifling defence would not allow the Knights to get back into the game.

The first half finished with Niagara trailing 43-25.

Second-half action was the total opposite of the first.

The Knights came out strong and began to step over the Durham players. The Lady Lords were held to no scoring for the first four minutes.

Niagara's only error came when Stephanie Lawson stole the ball two times, but by the time she was three-quarters up the court, she would be surrounded by Durham players — but no Knights in sight.

Lawson, Lesley Smith and Michelle Pring led the team, which would not step out of the way for anyone.

Durham was outscored in the second half 31-29, as Niagara's defence turned away the Lords and gave the offence a run for their money.

Manie Roy finished the game with her usual high scoring, with 20 points. She was followed by Holden with 12 points, they all came via three pointers.

"This is the most even game we have played in a while"
—Brian Bleich

Julie McLaren finished with nine, Pring took seven (one shot for three), Smith got four, Tara Pepper and Penni Toneguzzo finished with two each.

Niagara's season wasn't a total loss.

The team included mainly rookie players and finished last year at 0-4, but turned it around this year to finish 5-5. They finished one game above the .500 mark.

They made the playoff, which last year's team failed to do.

Coach Bleich said with players coming back next year and some new blood, there's promise.

Manie Roy (44) goes up for the lay-up, leaving the Durham players stunned and helpless.

Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Badminton pair golden in championships

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

There's a new gold rush on in British Columbia. A gold rush for national glory.

Niagara College's women's double team of Cindy Emery and Chris Audit are headed to British Columbia for what could be a national title.

The ladies were almost perfect at the recent Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) badminton championships held at Fanshawe College in London on Feb. 24 and Feb. 25, with a record of five wins and one loss.

The only loss came against Cambrian College from Sudbury. Niagara Niagara lost the game 9-15, 15-7, 11-15. Niagara would have their revenge in the gold medal match against Cambrian. Niagara won the game 15-2, 15-7.

"We woke up Sunday morning and we knew we were going to win, because we knew who we were playing," said Emery.

"It was really emotional after winning. It was hard to come down from the peak. It didn't really hit until Monday morning that we had actually won," said Emery.

According to Emery, there was still some room for her and Audit to improve on their game. She had said prior to the provincials that they needed to concentrate more and stay more focused. Any more more concentration would have meant a perfect six wins.

"We really worked hard and stayed focused. Instead of two players, it seemed like there was only one person playing with no mistakes," said Emery.

One area Emery said that will require some extra practice is getting used to playing with a birdie made with real feathers, instead of the plastic ones they have played with all along.

The final challenge for the women's double team will be next week at the OCAA Championships held on Thursday, March 7 through to Saturday, March 9 in Malaspina, B.C.

"If we play as well as we did in the gold medal match and stay focused, we'll win the nationals," said Emery.

Men's soccer team ready for some action

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara's men's indoor soccer team keeps racking up the wins, but coming up short of the top.

The Knights have participated in a season long league and three one-day tournaments, in preparation for March's Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Championship.

Last year, they played in the Welland Indoor Soccer League at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome. In the league, they finished with a regular-season record of eight wins, two ties and five losses. This gave them fourth place.

They defeated the first-place team in the semifinals 2-1, but lost to the second-place team in the finals. The final game finished at a 3-3 tie and forced a penalty shootout which saw the Knights fall 4-2.

On a later date, Niagara attended a one-day tournament at Welland's dome. Team co-captain Luciano Berardocco said they were missing a couple of "key players" that day and were playing with eight guys.

Niagara finished with a 2-1-1 record and made it to the semifinals, where they would lose to the eventual wining team 1-0 in overtime.

Berardocco said they tried to play defensively due to the lack of depth on the bench and fatigue from the players. "We waited for a breakaway," but that breakaway would not come.

On Jan. 27, the Knights attended a tournament sponsored by Hamilton's Mohawk College. The tournament, which didn't have a team from Mohawk, was held at Ancaster's Soccer World (dome).

The Knights played the first game short-handed. They began with four players, since the rest of the team took a wrong turn on their way to Ancaster from St. Catharines. Niagara got killed by Oakville's Sheridan College (A) team 8-1 in the first game.

By the second match, the Knights were at full strength and demolished North Bay's Canadore College 8-1. The third game saw the Knights take an easy 4-2 win over Barrie's Georgian College.

Two wins gave Niagara the chance to play Sheridan (A) in the semifinals again; this time they would not be denied. A convincing 5-2 win took the Knights into the final game against Sheridan's (B) team.

Niagara quickly fell behind 3-0, but mounted a comeback and took the lead with two goals by Gabe Bias, and Wayne Smith and Joe Magnotta with one each. The lead was short-lived though as the Bruins would tie the score four a piece, and with 30 seconds left in the game would score the go-ahead goal.

Later co-captain Mike Vendetelli would tell the players how their trip to the finals in the tournament, after losing the first game, proved how they have what it takes to play anybody.

"Mistakes due to fatigue is what allowed the (Bruins') tying and winning goals," said Berardocco.

The latest tournament was on Feb. 17 at George Brown College in Toronto.

The Knights were caught off guard by a different style of play. Co-captain Berardocco said all the teams were playing "the long ball," a style which relies mostly in a team ability to send the ball down the field, forcing the forwards to take a deep route.

"Our style is more ball control through short passes and timed routes — 'Samba' style," said Berardocco. "We tried to play their game and the long ball killed us."

Niagara tied George Brown nil-nil and lost to Toronto's Centennial College and Ryerson University 2-1 and 5-2.

"After the third game, we sat down, talked and went back to our game (Samba)," said Berardocco. It made the difference as the Knights would defeat Ancaster's Redemeer College 4-1.

The win wasn't enough for the Knights to advance in the round-robin tournament (the top team after all the games are played wins).

The Knights will not see action until Friday, March 8, when they play in the OCAA Regional tournament at Kitchener's Conestoga College.

Niagara College
KNIGHTS

"I definitely think we should advance from Regionals, and maybe even win it," said Berardocco.

"In provincials, we can fare well and we could even surprise some teams. If we play with heart and commitment we could even win it (the provincial tournament)," he added.

SPORTS

Scholarships becoming an important issue

By BRIAN BOWMAN
and SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writers

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) is struggling with the issue of scholarship money among its member colleges.

The inequity has created an imbalance in the league standings, leaving many of the smaller, less-financially stable colleges to struggle.

With 4,894 full-time students, Niagara College has been dealing with season-long controversy surrounding the availability of athletic scholarships awarded to student athletes.

The basis on which these scholarships are awarded isn't clear.

Randy Conlon, coach of the men's basketball team, said there is nothing written to police a coach's decision to give scholarships to their players.

"Right now there is nothing in place," said the second-year coach, whose team missed the playoffs for the second straight year with a 6-10 regular-season record.

"We are in the process of drafting a contract for athletic awards. It'll become a little more formal. A little more professional."

Peter Rylander, director of athletics at the college, said this year was the first year the college has had scholarships and the coaches of each team decide who gets an scholarship. "We only take care of the academic criteria (which means an athlete has to have a 60 per cent average to be eligible)," he added.

He said last year the athletic department set aside $5,000 for scholarships this year, to be distributed among the four major sports (men's and women's volleyball and basketball).

Ray Sarkis, assistant director of athletics, said nine athletic scholarships were awarded by the coaches, during the period of Jan. 16 to 29.

Sarkis outlined the recipients of the awards as:

Keith Tenney, Adrian Knaap, Jeff Eden, and Derrick Flindall from the men's basketball team.

The women's basketball team awarded one scholarship to Manie Roy and one to Jennifer Crosby.

David Rode, Chris Wiersma and Paul Clark were the chosen ones for the volleyball team.

No one from the women's volleyball team was awarded an athletic scholarship.

Each scholarship is worth $400 — $200 were given first, another $200 are supposed to be given at the end of the year, as long as the athletes receive passing grades in their courses.

"Should the athlete who receives $200 the first time fail to meet the academic criteria, it is up to the coach if he gives the money to someone else or if he keeps the money for next year," Sarkis said.

"In order to compete on a level playing field with the Humbers, the Sheridans and St. Clairs, we need to increase the scholarship money to attract quality players," said Conlon.

"We need a solid commitment from the athletic department so we don't have to be building a team from year to year. We want to build a team that can put us in the Top 10 in the province," he added.

Doug Fox, athletic director of Etobicoke's Humber College (which is continually ranked in the upper echelon in OCAA college basketball), estimates his college has 15 to 20 scholarships awarded to athletes this season.

He said Humber does award the OCAA maximum scholarship $1,109, which covers a player's full tuition.

Bob Weepers, athletic co-ordinator for Windsor's St. Clair College, said his college has 21 scholarships running through the 1995-96 season, seven of those entitled to the men's basketball team, which was fourth this year in the OCAA West Division.

St. Clair, the first college to award scholarships in the 1984-85 season, adheres to the policy of awarding a maximum of $800 a year for three years.

"It's an internal matter within the schools," said OCAA executive director Loretta McKenzie.

"How ever they spend their money is up to them, if some (schools) have received more money through donations to recruit players, there is nothing here in the OCAA that we can do about it," she added.

Rylander said next September, coaches will be given a set budget and total control of how they distribute that money.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
(1995-96 SEASON)

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Seneca	14	13	1	26
Humber	14	12	2	24
Fanshawe	14	11	3	22
Durham	14	6	8	12
Niagara	**14**	**5**	**9**	**10**
Mohawk	14	4	10	8
George Brown	14	4	10	8
Redeemer	14	1	13	2

***The Knights made the playoffs but would lose to the Durham College Lady Lords 72-54, in quarter-final action.**

MEN'S BASKETBALL
(1995-96 SEASON)

FINAL STANDINGS

WEST REGION

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Humber	16	15	1	30
Sheridan	16	13	3	26
Fanshawe	16	13	3	26
St. Clair	16	11	5	22
George Brown	16	6	10	12
Niagara	**16**	**6**	**10**	**12**
Mohawk	16	5	11	10
Lambton	16	3	13	6
Sault	16	0	16	0

OCAA final standings

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
(1995-96 SEASON)

FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Durham	14	14	0	28
Royal Mil.	14	11	3	22
Sheridan	14	11	3	22
Mohawk	14	9	5	18
Loyalist	14	9	5	18
Lambton	14	8	6	16
Centennial	14	7	7	14
Redeemer	14	5	9	10
Canadore	14	4	2	8
Niagara	**14**	**2**	**12**	**4**
St. Lawrence	14	2	12	4

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
(1995-96 SEASON)

FINAL STANDINGS

WEST REGION

TEAM	GP	W	L	PTS
Cambrian	14	13	1	26
Humber	14	12	2	24
Niagara	**14**	**8**	**6**	**16**
Canadore	14	7	7	14
Nipissing	14	5	9	10
Mohawk	14	5	9	10
Georgian	14	5	9	10
Redeemer	14	1	13	2

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THE ARTS

Comedians nothing to write home about

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

It was a good show, but it wasn't good enough to top the one put on by the western boys two weeks ago.

Jason Lawrence and Wayne Fleming, both from Ontario, treated the crowd to a show which had its moments, but failed to really peak.

Lawrence is a regular at the Yuk-Yuk's Komedy Kabaret and was entertaining enough. He made his way to the stage, beer in hand (he must have heard of the act preceding him the week before), and started slow.

He concentrated on everyday things like taking the bus, losing keys and driving slow. It seemed by the responses of the crowd, many were able to relate.

Lawrence then moved on to his adventures in the bedroom and the trials of dating and hard-core sex.

Not bad for a Yuk-Yuks regular.

Next up was the older man Fleming. He seemed very happy — too happy, many must have believed him when he said he was stoned.

He set the tone with a dead-on impression of Jack Nicholson's reaction were he a cop in Ontario.

Originating from the small town of Bancroft, Ont., he told of his enjoyment of the musical group The Bare Naked Ladies and how they were received in Bancroft. He said the old men thought the group was a bunch of strippers, and when he told them they were singers the old men simply said "Oh! They can sing too, All right!"

He gave his own version of the Ladies' song *"If I had a million dollars,"* which had one of the verses say, "If I had a million dollars, you would be my girlfriend, I'd marry you, buy you a house, have many kids, get old and miserable, we'd fight all the time, get a divorce and I would lose the house — so I won't buy you a house."

Fleming said he went to teachers' college and that's where he learned about drugs. He had to write a 3,000-word essay on the effect of drugs in the body. He had no previous experience, so he went to his Jamaican friend Barbaboon Babao who gave him "the biggest joint he had ever seen," and he smoked it and experienced the effects of drugs all weekend long.

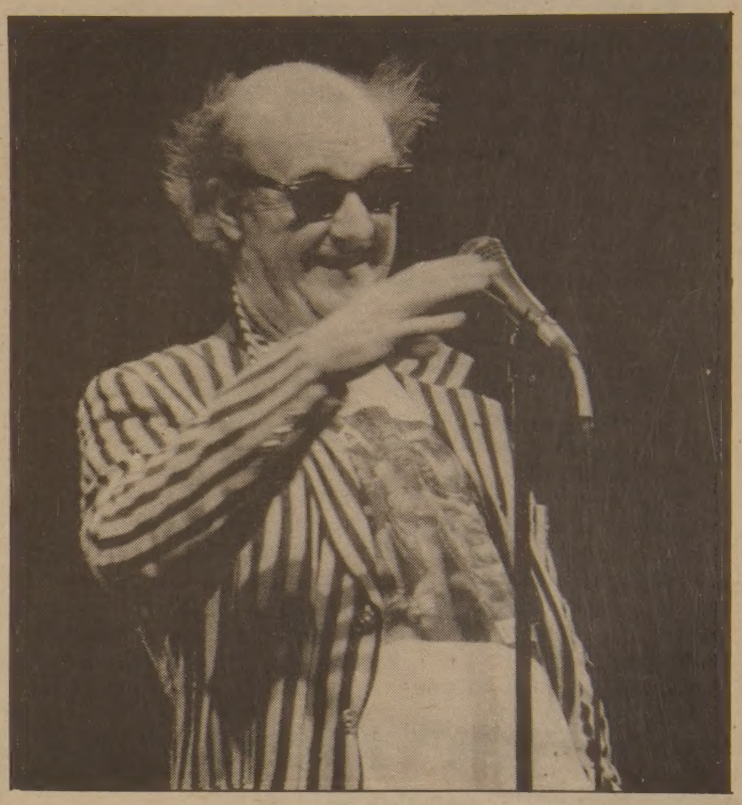
The only downfall to the project was that he forgot to write the essay.

Fleming then proceeded to give some advice on dealing with women and men. One of the things he said (now, you've got to remember this one), "When a girl says to you, 'your mind is between your legs,' you simply say — Blow my mind."

He did a couple of OK impressions and told a tale about nightmares.

The mood was changed towards the end, when Fleming expressed his views about the Paul Bernardo deal. The crowd cheered him on.

Overall it wasn't bad, but it wasn't anything to write home about.



Wayne Fleming, or is it Jack Nicholson, performing at After Hours' comedy night on Feb. 21.

Photo by Jeff MacKay

Pop goes hip-hop

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Club Cutz Volume 7 is the newest of the Club Cutz library of mixed dance music that is played in clubs across Canada. Some of the hits have made it to the top of the dance charts like *Shut up (and sleep with me)* by Sin with Sebastian.

One of the famous songs by Britain's Soft Cell's popular tainted love has been re-recorded and re-invented by Spain's Senor X. This new modern version is faster and more upbeat than the orginal 80's version.

Sin with Sebastian's *shut up (and sleep with me)* is a safe sex anthem featuring great vocals with a touch of opera. They have already sold over half a million copies worldwide in only a few months from their album **Golden Boy**.

Summer Holiday by Janet Henry (now known as Pearl) is her first debut single. This song has a funky but not out-of-control rhythm.

This CD also features many other great hits by Sadie, De'vacy, Skibby with King Lover, Clubland with Zenya Hamilton, Safe, Lisa Nisson, Linda Rocco and First Base.

It was mastered by "brother" Nick Rawson "at the other studio", Toronto, and distributed by BMG Music Canada Inc. The compilation producer is Rebecca Black.

If you're into the hip-hop scene then this CD is the right choice. The new version of 80's pop-to-modern versions will get you into the mood to dance.

Opry gets new style

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

New Country's 73rd member of the Grand Ole Opry is still taking the radio waves by storm.

Martina McBride's third album, **Wild Angels**, continues to keep the Kansas native at the top of the charts. Although not as controversial as her second album, **The Way That I Am**, with the hit *Independence Day*, her voice rings with emotion that reaches into your very soul.

McBride isn't a songwriter herself, but she lets you believe she has walked these roads before. Whether it's basking in the glory of unconditional and simple love, keeping a facade of strength while secretly crying inside in *A Great Disguise*, or brushing off the hardships and funking it up with *Two More Bottles Of Wine*, she seems to have been there.

She sings of the rarity and miracle of staying together in today's world with the words "Keeping love alive in these troubled times" in the title track *Wild Angels*. She pegs this generation's fears of relationships with "Love is a high-wire act I know/Someday I'll find a net below" in *Safe In The Arms Of Love*.

Wild Angels is certainly a welcome addition to anyone's New Country collection.

THE CRNC TOP 40

1. 1979	THE SMASHING PUMPKINS
2. WONDERWALL	OASIS
3. HEAVEN BESIDE YOU	ALICE IN CHAINS
4. PROMISE	VICTOR
5. IN THE MEANTIME	SPACEHOG
6. GLYCERINE	BUSH
7. AEROPLANE	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS
8. SISTER	THE NIXONS
9. TAFFY	LISA LOEB
10. THE WORLD I KNOW	COLLECTIVE SOUL
11. GLYCERINE	BUSH
12. WAITING FOR TONIGHT	TOM PETTY
13. ONE OF US	JOAN OSBOURNE
14. SLEEPY MAGGIE	ASHLEY MacISAAC
15. U.F.O. ROSIE	WEEPING TILE
16. TELL HER THIS	DEL AMITRI
17. NAKED	GOO GOO DOLLS
18. I WANT TO COME OVER	MELISSA ETHERIDGE
19. SCREWED IT UP	LIMBLIFTER
20. YOU OUGHTA KNOW	ALANIS MORISSETTE
21. OH SHELLY	BARNEY BENTALL
22. THE GARDENS OF ALLAH	DON HENLEY
23. GO WALKING DOWN THERE	CHRIS ISAAK
24. EVEN GRABLE	treble charger
25. SALT WATER FISH	RUBY
26. MISS SARAJEVO	THE PASSENGERS
27. BRUSH AWAY	ALICE IN CHAINS
28. WONDER	NATALIE MERCHANT
29. LIKE A ROLLING STONE	THE ROLLING STONES
30. GOOD INTENTIONS	TOAD THE WET SPROCKET
31. MY FRIENDS	RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS
32. BULLET WITH BUTTERFLY WINGS	THE SMASHING PUMPKINS
33. FREE AS A BIRD	THE BEATLES
34. TOES ACROSS THE FLOOR	BLIND MELON
35. IF I WERE YOU	k.d. lang
36. BRUSH AWAY	ALICE IN CHAINS
37. WILDEST DREAMS	TOM COCHRANE
38. ROSEALIA	BETTER THAN EZRA
39. BAD AS THEY SEEM	HAYDEN
40. A GIRL LIKE YOU	EDWYN COLLINS

CLASSIFIEDS

Mugger at large

This week Crime Stoppers and Niagara Regional Police investigators are looking for information to help solve a recent Niagara Falls robbery.

On Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at about 5:30 p.m., a Niagara Falls woman was walking along St. James Street near St. John Street when she was accosted by an unknown male. The bandit quickly grabbed the woman's purse and knocked her to the ground. He then proceeded to run north on St. James Street and made his escape with the property. Fortunately, the victim was uninjured.

The suspect is described as male, white, young with long dark hair. He was wearing a dark brown or black waist length leather jacket, blue jeans and a dark color toque.

If you have information regarding this robbery, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS, to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you won't have to reveal your identity.

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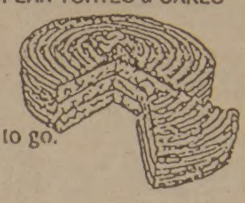

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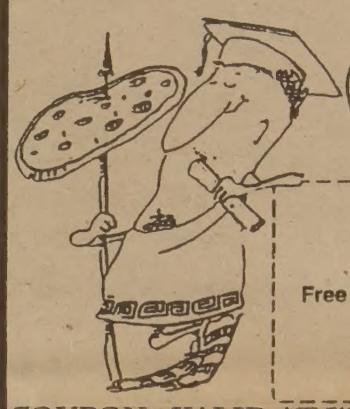

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Black history explored at the St. Catharines Museum, Lock 3

'A Canadian story'

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

"Many Rivers to Cross," an exhibit of the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, is on display at the St. Catharines Museum, Lock 3, in St. Catharines.

"At a time when many Canadians are unable to perceive Canadian culture as distinct from that of the U.S.," says Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi, director of the Multicultural History Society, "it is instructive to see our country through the eyes of a people, many of whom fled from our southern neighbor in order to come here and contribute to the building of our nation. Across successive generations, many chose Canada over the U.S. as a place to live precisely because Canada was different. "Many Rivers to Cross . . . is pre-eminently a story of being Canadian."

For 400 years, people of African descent, coming to Canada seeking freedom, were not always greeted with open arms and unlimited opportunity. Theirs was a struggle for acceptance and a fair chance to make a decent living.

The collection of 95 photographs at the St. Catharines Museum chronicles the struggles, hopes, successes and failures of black Canadians as they sought to make a place for themselves in this land. It puts faces on the facts and figures of immigration, race relations and minority rights.

Look into the determined face of Harriet Tubman who helped fugitive slaves escape to freedom. In a journey that could take weeks, Tubman cared for the wounded, helped mothers with their children and showed the way to Canada.

There are pictures of children in segregated schools and churches.

Black Cross Nurses tell the story of black women who were not allowed to register as nursing students in teaching hospitals but rather trained as quasi-nurses to gain practical experience.

Predominantly there are many smiling faces of those that have succeeded. The nurses, senator, counsellor, journalist and lieutenant governor are all stories of black triumph.

"Many Rivers to Cross" is most importantly a story of hope. "Each African-Canadian has been able to draw sustenance and joy from a culture created over the millennia in Africa," states their brochure.

"Each generation has added to this precious cargo, which becomes richer with each river crossed—a living testament to the enduring strength of African Canadians and their culture."

"The exhibit shows the importance that this group of people have played in the different aspects of Canadian life," said Marilyn Lee-Hannah, public relations co-ordinator.

The exhibit will remain at the museum until the end of 1996. It is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (905) 984-8880.

Marilyn Lee-Hannah, public relations co-ordinator for the museum, shows some of the photographs included in the black history exhibit.

Photo by Susan DeRuiter

The art of tattooing perfected in the Falls

By STEPHANIE BONNER
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Numb the pain and cheat the experience.

Welcome to the philosophical world of tattooing.

"It (the pain) doesn't last that long," says Jim "Bobway," 31, a tattooist at Head's Skin Graffiti in Niagara Falls. "Pain is part of the process."

Bobway, who preferred to use his nickname than reveal his last name, has been tattooing since he was 18. His passionate flare for body art, however, began many years before.

"I was drawing pictures on myself in grade school," says the tattooist, adorned in earrings through his left eyebrow, his nose and his lip. At 17, he met James Head, proprietor of Head's Skin Graffiti, while staying at a foster home. "When I was 18, he showed me how to do my first tattoo. I started doing tattoos at parties and learned how to make a machine," says Bobway.

The machine, or "gun," as it's sometimes referred to, is used to inject tattoo pigment under the epidermis. Hooked up to a power supply of 12.5 DC volts, the machine has a vibrating pressure mechanism and sounds like "a bunch of angry bumble bees" when activated. "The design hasn't changed in 100 years or more," says Bobway.

Bundles of long, thin needles are inserted into the machine's head. The number of needles in a bundle depends on the size of the tattoo and the job being done. "Fourteens are good," says Bobway. "You cover a lot of space." Bundles of seven needles are used to shade small to medium-sized tattoos, while bundles of three are primarily for outlining. "We make our needles by hand."

Each needle has a tiny, hollow centre. When submerged into small ink caps, the needles absorb the pigment. The pigment, which comes in a variety of colors, is released into the skin when pressure is put on the head of the machine. During tattooing, only five millimeters of the needles are exposed through the head of the machine and inserted into the skin. The first reactions to receiving a tattoo are varied.

"Some wanna pass out, some wanna throw up. Some can eat McDonald's all day before coming in," says Bobway. "It's (the reaction to getting a tattoo) pretty individual, just as individual as the tattoos are."

Tattooing, says Bobway, has been around for thousands of years. He refers to the desire to get a tattoo as a "primal urge." He says tattooing is a rite of passage in some cultures. "It lost the appeal (in North America) when they said 'hey- this is a great way to mark criminals.' That's what took tattooing to the underground." According to Bobway, the fleur-de-lis on Quebec's provincial flag was once a tattoo to identify criminals.

Now in its infancy in Canada, tattooing is gaining popularity and Head's Skin Graffiti is in the game. Tattoos at Head's start at $40, regardless of how small the tattoo. From there, the price depends on the tattoo's size and detail. "We do a lot of roses. Any kind of flower is usually popular (with women)." Wildlife and hearts are also very popular among female clients. Although men vary in their choices for a tattoo, they typically choose to be tattooed on the arm. The most common places for women to be tattooed are the ankle, around the belly button and the bikini line, particularly if they want to hide it.

Bobway refers to the tattoo on his left tricep of a skeleton sporting a striped suit, holding a hacksaw behind its back and standing on a ball and chain as his "alter ego." A tattoo of a feather necklace drapes around his neck, while bullet wounds tattooed to his chest are shocking at first glimpse. Bobway wouldn't have it any other way.

For those avoiding a tattoo because of an innate phobia of pain, there are options. Hurricane, which contains 20 per cent benzocane, can be used to numb the area before a tattoo. "You're kind of cheating yourself," he says, of numbing the pain. Numbing patches are also available, but Bobway says neither method is very effective. "Everyone always gets through it. We just have to get them to focus a bit."

After about three hours of pain, it's time to care for the new, permanent tattoo. Bobway, who jokingly says his long hours at work make him the "travelling road show, homeless tattooist," suggests Polysporin to help with the healing process. "It prevents it (the tattoo) from scabbing. Keep it totally moist and it can't scab." Saran Wrap can be use to protect both the skin and clothing. "The blood can't stick to it like gauze." Bobway added wearing Saran Wrap is also useful so "you don't muck up your sheets."

In the summer, sunblock should also be applied to the tattoo to protect it from fading. It should also be kept dry during a shower, and patted gently with a towel afterwards. While the epidermis heals in about five days, Polysporin should continue to be smoothed over the tattoo for two weeks.

Once the tattoo is "on," it's difficult to have it removed. "You can spend a couple grand on laser surgery," says Bobway, but suggests covering up the old tattoo with a new one as a less expensive alternative. Pigment injected too deeply into the skin result in a lighter image on the surface. This type of tattooing error often needs a cover-up.

Alcohol can also be diluted into the tattoo. "It breaks up the pigment under the skin." The process requires two or three applications.

At Head's Skin Graffiti, safety is always a top priority. New needles are used for every client, and the old ones are thrown away. Protective gloves are worn by the tattooist. Although there are no reported cases of contracting HIV through tattoo needles, there have been cases of the client or the tattooist contracting hepatitis. "It (rubber gloves) protects us both."

To Bobway, tattoos are art by way of gratifying pain. Summed up by Dave Schihl, a client of Head's from St. Catharines': "There's no bigger rush."

Jim "Bobway", 31, a tattooist at Head's Skin Graffiti in Niagara Falls, tattoos a new client. Clouds and stars were added to the original tattoo of a sun.

Photo by Stephanie Bonner